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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MEXICAN CULTURAL MISSION LED BY
MRS. ECHEVERRIA

REF: MEXICO 1117

1. THE MEXICAN CULTURAL MISSION MADE TOP HEADLINES
IN SAN JOSE FOR OVER A WEEK. EVENTS WERE
SCHEDULED FOR MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE AND, EXCEPT FOR
POSH SYMPHONY CONCERTS IN NATIONAL THEATRE, WERE
AIMED AT BROAD MIDDLE AND LOWER MIDDLE CLASSES.
PRODUCTIONS WERE UNIFORMLY EXCELLENT AND WELL
RECEIVED.

2. GOCR AND GOM SIGNED CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT
WHICH WILL PROVIDE FURTHER, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS LESS
SPECTACULAR, EVENTS IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. MEXICANS WENT TO CONSIDERABLE PAINS TO INVITE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS TO MRS. ECHEVERRIA'S
RECEPTION ON HER LAST NIGHT HERE. ROGERS WAS TOLD
THAT THE INVITATION WAS ISSUED AT THE PERSONAL INVI-
TATION OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HIMSELF.

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4. THIS CULTURAL VISIT NOW FINDS COSTA RICA BEING
COURTED WITH OFFERS OF CULTURAL, FINANCIAL AND
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY TWO BIG NEIGHBORS, MEXICO
AND VENEZUELA, AN ENVIABLE POSITION FOR ANY SMALL
NATION. MEXICO, OF COURSE, HAS BEEN ACTIVELY
PROMOTING ITS CULTURAL IMAGE IN CENTRAL AMERICA
FOR MANY YEARS. DURING THIS LAST VISIT THEY MADE
A MORE NOTICEABLE EFFORT TO SHOW THEIR "INDEPENDENCE"
FROM NORTHERN INFLUENCES, AS EXPRESSED BY PABLO
ECHEVERRIA ZUNO. (SEE SAN JOSE 0372 AND AIRGRAM
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